It is enough if a fraction of that money is utilised for the poor people of the taluk.

DEWAN : That will be enquired into.

MEMBER : Thank you, Sir.

86. Needs of the Chirayinkil taluk.

MR. KANDA PILLAI KALI PILLAI (*Chirayinkil taluk, Group I*) said that the major portion of the Mamam river lay in the *pakuthies* of Kizhvalam and Koontallur in the Chiryinkil taluk and was the mainstay of the agriculturists of the place for purposes of irrigation. The floods of 1098 caused many breaches in the banks of the river and also damaged many of the anicuts, rendering it unfit for irrigation purposes. The need for the restoration of the river banks as well as of the main dams was urged on the attention of the Government at the 25th session of the Assembly, but the *Statement of Action* taken on the representations in the Assembly showed that no action had been taken on the representation in the matter. The grant allotted annually for the maintenance of the river bed was quite inadequate and what little was sanctioned was not properly utilised. The member suggested that the restoration of the Kavanasseri dam and the dilapidated stone bridge there should be taken up at once. This would enable the ryots to raise two crops on large areas of paddy fieds which were lying fallow. The banks of the Mamam river on the northern side were being washed down by the floods every year causing very great loss to the owners of the adjoining paddy fields. The bank should be strengthened. A masonry dam should be put up across the junction near the Attingal main river to prevent silt from being washed down from the place where the Chankarattu dam was put up.

Two bridges should be constructed one across the Vettiyar canal for access from Azhur to Perumaturai and another across the Attingal river near the Kollampuzha ferry.

The Valakat-Chirayinkil road should be completed at an early date by extending the road as far as Chirayinkil and constructing the necessary bridges.

A cart road should be opened from midway between the 1st and 2nd mile stones of the Attingal-Chirayinkil road and joining the Quilon-Trivandrum road. The trace from Attingal to Warkalai should be made fit for cart traffic. A canal should be constructed between Kavanasseri and Paravur *ela* in Koontallur pakuthi. All the tanks and canals in the taluk useful for agricultural purposes should be properly maintained.

Agricultural loans should be advanced to the poor ryots on a larger scale and facilities should also be given for taking such loans.

The absence of a First Class Magistrate's Court in the taluk was keenly felt. If the opening of a court was not feasible, the Tahsildar of the taluk might be invested with the powers of a First Class Magistrate.

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DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kali Pillai, it is admitted that the grant for the maintenance of Mamam river is not sufficient, and the Chief Engineer will be asked to put up proposals for increasing it.

An estimate for a bridge across the Mamam river is under preparation, and it has been decided that a bridge is not necessary at the Azhur ferry.

The bridge at Kollampuzha *kadavu* will be taken up later after the connected road is completed.

In 1928, Government sanctioned an estimate for a portion of the Attingal-Chirayinkil road as far as the Trivandrum-Quilon road and the portion beyond that has to be investigated. The work on the first part has been completed.

Every year larger amounts are provided in the budget for agricultural loans. This year a sum of Rs. 4½ lakhs has been provided against Rs. 3½ lakhs in 1106.

At two previous sessions, a request was made that the Tahsildar of Chirayinkil should be invested with the powers of a First Class Magistrate. The opinion accepted then was that, in view of the train and motor service and the fact the place was therefore within easy reach of Trivandrum, this was not necessary.

87. Needs of the Attingal municipal town.

MR. K. N. SEKHARA VARIAR (*Municipal Council, Attingal*) first spoke about the necessity for constructing a *satram* at Attingal. Attingal was an important place, being the ancient seat of the Ruling Family of Travancore and of their guardian deity. In connection with the visit of His Highness the Maha Raja to the place many officials and non-officials had to stay at the place and the absence of a *satram* was keenly felt on these occasions. The member was glad that the Government had recognised the need for a *satram* and had taken up the question for consideration.

The member next urged the need for providing additional street lights in the Attingal municipal town. The Municipality extended over an area of 16 square miles and had to attend to 20 miles of roads and lanes. But there were altogether only 125 street lights in the municipal area. Many of the municipal roads were the favourite haunts of poisonous reptiles. Additional lights were therefore absolutely necessary and early sanction should be accorded for the provision of the same.

A recreation ground should be provided for the benefit of the people of the town. The same subject was represented at the previous session of the Assembly also.

The local Municipal Council should be allowed a non-official elected President. This privilege was formerly enjoyed by the Municipality. On the sole ground that in the early days of its existence, the affairs of the Municipality were not properly conducted, it should not be presumed that the Municipality would not get any more able men to steer it

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